



Council highlights

AISH to ADAP Transition: Proposed Council Advocacy

The Government of Alberta is planning to transition from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program to the Alberta Disability Assistance Program. While disability income assistance is a provincial responsibility, changes to income-support programs can have direct impacts at the municipal and community level.

Social Development brought forward a draft advocacy letter for Council's review and approval. The letter respectfully requests that the Province pause or delay implementation until full program details, regulations, eligibility criteria, reassessment processes, transition protections, review or appeal pathways, engagement findings and social/economic impact analysis are publicly available.

The proposed advocacy intends to protect residents from preventable harm, support local implementation of readiness, and ensure municipalities and community agencies have adequate information and resources to respond to any downstream impacts.

Council approved the letter to the Government of Alberta.

Economic Development 10-Year Strategic Plan Update & What We Heard Report: Survey Results

Council was presented with a progress update on the development of Cochrane's Economic Development 10-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2036), and the "What We Heard Report" summarizing findings from the community business survey and broader engagement activities.

The project is currently transitioning from the engagement phase into strategy development. Engagement included a community-wide survey, focus groups, interest-holder interviews and pop-up events, all designed to gather input on economic priorities, opportunities, and challenges. The findings will directly inform the draft Strategy and Implementation Framework.

Council received the Economic Development 10-Year Strategic Plan Update and What We Heard Report for information.